

BLESSED SAVIOR CATHOLIC PARISH

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 9, 2025

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Download our App:

For iPhone Text: ParishApp1 to 555888
For Android Text: ParishApp2 to 555888

Sacraments: Preparation for all sacraments are made through the parish office.

Ministry to the Sick: When a parishioner or family member is hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing home, please call the parish office for communion and/or anointing.

Anointing of the Sick:

Communal - Last Sunday of the month
Individual - Any time and also by appointment.

Baptisms: Call the parish office to set up appointment.

Confessions: Call the parish office.

Communal Penance: Scheduled in Lent and Advent.

Funerals: Call the parish office in the event of the death of a loved one.

Weddings: Arrangements are to be made at least one year in advance by calling the parish office.

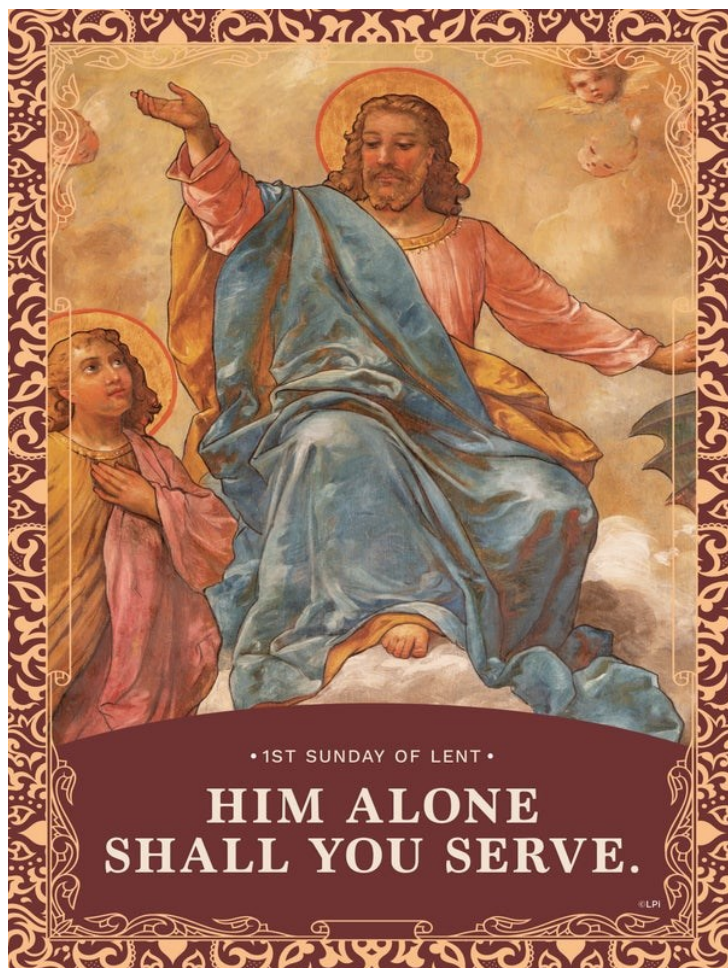
St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry: 5558 N. 69 St.
414-464-3817. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday, 8-10am

Pastoral Council Officers:

Kevin Senfleben, Chair
Steve Alioto, Vice-Chair
Bruce Mayer, Secretary

Parish Trustees:

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School Website: www.blessedsaviorcatholicsschool.org

West Campus

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414-464-5775

Natalie Galloway, Principal

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Erin O'Donnell, Principal



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Paula Dixson, Principal



Mission Statement

Blessed Savior Catholic Parish, a welcoming open community of diverse disciples of Christ, affirms a way of life through prayer, service, and sharing.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, 3/8 Vigil of 1st Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
4:00pm † Christian Goudiably

Sunday, 3/9 1st Sunday of Lent
Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13
9:00am † Pedro Parra Garduño & Elvira Rubio Hernández
Rosary at 8:15am

Monday, 3/10
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
9:00am † Parishioners

Wednesday 3/12
Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
9:00am † Suzanne Kremsreiter

Saturday, 3/15 Vigil of 2nd Sunday of Lent
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
4:00pm † John Pankratz

Sunday, 3/16 2nd Sunday of Lent
Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36
9:00am † Ethel Leichtle
Rosary at 8:15am

**SVDP Lenten Food Drive
Week 2, March 15th & 16th**

The pantry could use your help filling the shelves Pancake Syrup & Mix, Instant Potatoes (small or regular size pkg.) Soups, Hamburger Helper, and Toothbrushes. Thank you for your support!



**CRS Rice Bowl
Catholic Relief Services**

During this sacred season, we will intentionally slow down so that we can pay closer attention to our relationship with God, our neighbors and our planet. Reflect on how the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving can guide your journey for a more enriching Lenten experience. How can practicing these pillars help you to live in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Contribution envelopes will be available later. If you prefer to use a "Rice Bowl Box" during Lent, they are available on the round table in the Villard hallway.

Lenten Season at Blessed Savior

Way of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm

Lenten Reflection

The season of Lent began on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient practice of placing ashes on the forehead as a sign of repentance and humility before God. It is associated with the grief and death brought about by sin. The smudge of ashes on the forehead said a lot about us as we headed to work and carried on with daily activities on Ash Wednesday.

There is nothing glamorous about ashes on the forehead. Its appeal comes from the shape it takes. The cross on our forehead is a powerful statement about our identity as people redeemed by the cross of Christ. Moreover, it is an invitation to carry our crosses with patient endurance. In itself, the cross was both detested and detestable as a horrific ancient form of punishment used by the Roman authorities. The beauty of the cross derives from the glory of the resurrection.

"Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15), was one of the formulas for the imposition of ashes. With these words, we began our Lenten journey in the wilderness of life. The Lenten season evokes the image of a rigorous spiritual journey involving forty days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Originally, Lent was solely a period of preparing catechumens for baptism at the Easter vigil. Over the years, the entire community became involved in the preparation to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The word itself is of German origin, *lenten* meaning "spring season." *We know that spring is a time most people do thorough house cleaning. Likewise, lent is a time we do thorough spiritual house cleaning in anticipation of the Easter glory. In Latin, Lent is translated by the word quadragesima, which itself means "fortieth." It is a reference to the forty days of Lent.*

Lent is a wilderness experience. The wilderness is a harsh environment capable of pushing people to the limits of human endurance. Surviving in the wilderness requires every skill at one's disposal. Likewise, Lent will test the limits of our endurance. The disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will challenge us every step of this journey.

During Lent, God calls us to thorough self-examination, which is an indispensable part of true conversion. As hard as it might be to turn away from sin, the Church encourages us with biblical narratives of people who have done it long before us. The forty days of Lent is reminiscent of the forty years journey of the Israelites to the Promised Land (Deut. 8:2). It also reminds us of the forty days given the people of Nineveh to repent or face severe consequences for their sinful ways (Jonah 3:4). As today's gospel reminds us, the forty days represent the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in preparation of his temptation by the devil (Luke 4:2).

The Lenten call for conversion is rooted in the love of God than in the fear of punishment. Sin leads to separation at three levels: from God, from other people (the Church) and from our true selves. It leads to spiritual death for those who refuse to heed the call for conversion and reconciliation.

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Through Jesus, we have come to know God as loving, compassionate, and forgiving. Like the people of Nineveh, we plead for God's mercy and forgiveness and have no doubt that he is capable of expunging our sins and reconciling us at all three levels.

Believing in the gospel entails listening attentively to the word of God proclaimed, understanding the word proclaimed, and modeling our lives on the word. In other words, Lent is a special time to put the gospel message into action. It might be worthwhile to identify a particular weakness to work on. One could choose to work on patience, forgiveness, being less judgmental, empathizing more with others, etc. It is not enough to talk the talk; we must be willing to walk the walk.

Wishing everyone a holy Lent!

Fr. Romanus

Lenten Revival 2025

"Create Tomorrow with Action Today"

Revivalist: Rev. Carl Gales, SVD

**@ St. Martin de Porres Church
3114 N. 2nd St. Milwaukee**

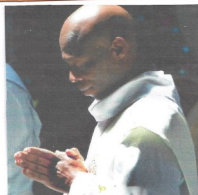
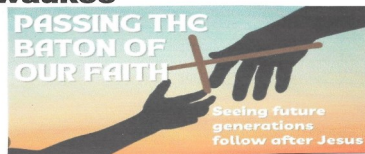
**Friday, March 21
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Devotion**

**Saturday, March 22
6:00 - 8:00 pm
Revival/Preaching**

**Sunday, March 23
Mass 9 am
Reception to follow**

**Sponsored by:
The Black Catholic Men's Group of Milwaukee
Questions? Call Steve Teasley @ (262) 617-5485**

ALL ARE INVITED!



Change A Child's Story

KIDS MATTER INC. is seeking volunteers for its Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. CASA volunteers commit a few hours each week to ensure that a local abused or neglected child has a chance to find a safe, permanent home. KIDS MATTER provides extensive training to volunteers, and our next class begins this October.

Learn more or sign up by visiting www.kidsmatterinc.org/casa, calling (414) 344-1220 or emailing us at volunteer@kidsmatterinc.org.



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday in the Chapel, 11am-2:30pm.
Use the east church door entrance.

From 5pm-6:30pm, use the west church door entrance.



MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please pray for the following parishioners and others with health problems and for all those in nursing homes and those with continuing health concerns:

**Jantina Adriano, Jackie Ballering,
Gene Brunner, Rhey Clemente,
Catherine Felber, Katie Flynn, Robin Flynn,
Tom Glorioso, Gayle Hanus, Nadjah Hasan,
Diane Henry, Mike Hubbard, Gertrud Kaegler, Amber King,
Barb Moroder, Bob Oettinger, Jr.,
Allan & Lorraine Rischman, Thomas Schmid,
Sharon Tym, Dale Verbanec,
Mary Frances Williams, Christine Lindstrum, Richard Piana,
Lucia Rivera, Rosina Vungo**

Lord Jesus, who went about doing good and healing all, we ask you to bless our friends who are sick. Give them strength in body, courage in spirit, and patience with pain.

If you wish to add someone to the Sick List with their permission, call the parish office at 414-464-5033.

Remember to pray for all the intentions in the book of "Joys and Concerns" and all those who wrote them.

The Human Concerns Layette collection which used to be during Lent, has been changed a few years ago. We shifted it to April 12- May 4 so the mothers receive the collected items just in time for Mother's Day. Keep your eyes open for the bassinet at the back of church starting April 12th. New items for babies are greatly appreciated.



Thank you,
Human Concerns Commission

♥ **NEXT WEEK SUNDAY** 🙏

COME CELEBRATE

BLESSED SAVIOR'S GRANDPARENTS & FAMILY DAY

Bring your grandchildren and your entire family to come join us for a special Mass and celebration of families.

All faiths are invited to be part of this special celebration and blessing.

This will be followed by fellowship in the hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 9:00 MASS
Bring your favorite sweets to share!



A message from your bulletin editor:

Why did the athlete give up running for Lent?

She wanted to walk with Jesus.